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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: AAFLI TRADE UNION
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN REPLY CONGRESSIONAL
INQUIRY.

2. UNTIL IT WAS PHASED OUT IN 1973, THE USAID LABOR DIVISON
FUNDED AND PROGRAMMED TRAINING OF TRADE UNION OFFICIALS ABROAD.
SUBSEQUENTLY, AAFLI HAS SENT 13 TRADE UNION AND MINISTRY OF
LABOR OFFICIALS FOR SUCH TRAINING (SEE PARA 10).

3. TWO AMERICAN EMPLOYEES OF AAFLI ARE CURRENTLY WORKING
WITH THE GVT ON AID-FUNDED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES. THEY ARE
ISAAC W. BARNES, AAFLI COUNTRY PROGRAM DIRECTOR, AND
WILLIAM T. MANN, AAFLI PROGRAM OFFICER. NO OTHER AMERICANS,
IN ANY CAPACITY, ARE EMPLOYED BY AFFLI/VIETNAM.

4. AAFLI HAS NOT AND DOES NOT CONDUCT OR SPONSOR ANY TRAINING
PROGRAMS WHATSOEVER THAT ARE PARA-MILITARY IN NATURE OF WHICH
DEAL WITH INTERNAL SECURITY IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. (NOTE: NEITHER
DOES THE CVT.)

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5. AAFLI'S PURPOSE IS TO ASSIST THE CVT THROUGH PROGRAM

SUPPORT AND APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL ADVICE, EFFECTIVELY TO PERFORM ITS FUNCTION AS A NATIONAL LABOR CENTER. THROUGH CERTAIN MUTUALLY AGREED PROJECTS IN THE AREAS OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, AAFLI HELPS THE CVT EXPAND ITS REACH AND PROGRESSIVE INFLUENCE INTO PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND ELEMENTS OF SOCIETY THAT MIGHT ORDINARILY BE BEYOND ITS ABILITY.

6. AAFLI-SPONSORED TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE INTENDED TO HELP RANK- AND-FILE MEMBERS IMPROVE THEIR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ROLE OF THEIR TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION. PROGRAMS AIMED AT MIDDLE-LEVEL CADRE ARE DESIGNED TO HELP THEM MORE EFFECTIVELY TO ORGANIZE AND ADMINISTER THEIR LOCAL UNIONS. TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE LABOR LAW, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS,, AND CVT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS. SEMINARS SPONSORED FOR NATIONAL-LEVEL CVT OFFICERS ADDRESS SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATING TO THE UNION INVOLVED AND ITS PARTICULAR INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS PUBLIC ISSUES SUCH AS THE ECONOMY, POPULATION PROBLEMS, INTERNATIONAL LABOR, AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY. THE PURPOSE OF SUCH EDUCATION IS TO ENABLE REPRESENTATIVES OF LABOR TO PLAY AN INFORMED AND ARTICULATE ROLE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL WHERE POLICY IS DEBATED AND FORMULATED.

7. REGARDING PARA 4 OF REFTTEL, THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR'S CVT-AAFLI EDUCATION PROGRAM INCLUDES 35 COURSES ON BASIC TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION TO BE HELD IN PROVINCIAL LOCATIONS, 17 MORE ADVANCED LABOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS OF VARYING DURATION TO BE HELD AT THE CVT'S NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER NEAR SAIGON, TEN PROVINCIAL-LEVEL AND ONE NATIONAL LEVEL COURSES ON ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF COOPERATIVES, AND A FLEXIBLE NUMBER OF SMALLER COMMUNITY ORIENTATION PROGRAMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INAUGURATION OF OTHER CVT-AAFLI PROJECTS SUCH AS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICE CENTERS, MEDICAL CLINICS AND SCHOOLS.

8. PARA 11 LISTS CURRENT SEMINARS AND THEIR GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS. PARA 12 CONTAINS THE PROGRAM OF A TYPICAL SEMINAR ON ELEMENTARY TRAINING FOR TRADE UNION LEADERSHIP. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ELEMENTARY TRAINING, FOR THE MOST PART CONSISTS OF THE FUNDAMENTAL DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURE FOR TRADE UNIONS. PARA 13 LISTS UNCLASSIFIED

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THE VARIETY OF PROGRAMS, THE NUMBER OF COURSES AND THE NUMBER OF CVT OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COURSES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 5, 1968 TO DECEMBER 7, 1974.

9. ONGOING PROJECTS CONSIST OF:

(A) DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVES AMONG THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TENANT FARMERS WHICH ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE CVT.

AAFLI PROVIDES SEED CAPITAL FOR FARM EQUIPMENT, INSECTICIDE, FERTILIZERS, AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS REQUIRED BY FARMERS TO IMPROVE THEIR CROPS. THE SEED CAPITAL BECOMES THE BASIS FOR DEVELOPING A REVOLVING FUND SINCE THE FARMERS PURCHASE WHAT THEY NEED AT FIXED PRICES. THREE SUCH COOPERATIVES ARE IN OPERATION IN THE PROVINCES, OF CHAU DOC, LAN AN AND AN XUYEN.

(B) AAFLI PROVIDED THE SEED CAPITAL FOR A REVOLVING FUND THAT ENABLED THE CHAMS IN LONG KHANK PROVINCE TO START A SAW MILL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ABUNDANT COMMERCIAL TIMBER IN THE AREA AND FOR A SOCIAL CENTER FOR THE CHAMS THAT FOCUSES ON SCHOOLING AND OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CARE. IN THE AREA KNOWN AT PHU THO HOA IN GIA DINH PROVINCE, AAFLI FINANCED A LIBRARY FOR CHILDREN OF THE WORKERS IN THE AREA.

10. INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVED AAFLI-SPONSORED TRAINING ABROAD:

(A) THE FOLLOWING WERE IN THE SAME GROUP TO THE U.S. IN MARCH-APRIL 1973 FOR OBSERVATION AND STUDY ON U.S. HIRING HALL OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION(PRESENT OCCUPATIONS WILL BE SHOWN PARENTHETICALLY); MESSRS. TRAN VINH LOC(MINISTRY OF LABOR); DAO THAI THANH(MINISTRY OF LABOR); NGUYEN VAN NGOC (CVT CADRE);

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HUA THANH CHUONG(SECRETARY-GENERAL, PORT WORKERS' UNION (CVT)); NGUYEN NGOC PHUNG (PORT WORKERS' UNION); AND LE NGOC LANH (PORT DIRECTORATE).

(B) THE FOLLOWING WERE IN ISRAEL FROM DECEMBER 29, 1973 TO MARCH 30, 1974 FOR A SEMINAR ON "COOPERATIVES AND LABOR": MISS DANG THI TAM (JURIDICAL COUNSELOR, CVT) AND MR. NGUYEN HUU KHAI (CHIEF OF CABINET, CVT).

(C) THE FOLLOWING WERE IN TAIWAN FROM SEPT. 16 - 22, 1974 FOR A SEMINAR ON "COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH UNION SERVICE": MRS. TRAN THI NGHIA (CVT WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE); MRS. NGUYEN MY DUyen (SECRETARY OF WOMEN AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, BIEN HOA FEDERATION); AND MISS PHAM TO LAN (AAFLI ADMIN ASST).

(D) MRS. DANG THI TRUOC WAS IN KUALA LUMPUR FROM JULY 1-4, 1974 FOR THE ASIA-FIET TRADE UNION SEMINAR (MINISTRY OF LABOR).

(E) MR. NGUYEN VAU HIEU ATTENDED THE WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR COOPERATIVES FROM AUGUST 26 TO DECEMBER 13, 1974 FOR A SEMINAR ON "COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT" (AAFLI COORDINATOR).

11. SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF SEMINARS, NOV 25, 1974 TO DEC 7, 1974. ALL WERE THE ELEMENTARY TRADE UNION TRAINING UNCLASSIFIED

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COURSE. BY PROVINCE:

BINH DUONG: NOVEMBER 25-27,
40 PARTICIPANTS
LECTURERS: MESSRS. HUYNH VAN DONG, NGUYEN DUC
XU, DUONG HIEN GIAO

QUAN TIN: NOVEMBER 28-30,
40 PARTICIPANTS AND TWO OBSERVERS
LECTURERS: MESSRS. NGUYEN DUC XU, PHAN VAN SU
PHAN DINH KHAI

PHU YEN: NOVEMBER 28-30,
40 PARTICIPANTS AND TEN OBSERVERS
LECTURERS: MESSRS. TRAN KHAC LUC AND NGUYEN
DUC THINH

GIA DINH: NOVEMBER 28-30,
40 PARTICIPANTS
LECTURERS: MESSRS. HUYNH VAN DONG, NGUYEN VAN
PHONG, DUONG HIEN GIAO, TRAN HUU
QUYEN, AND NGUYEN TRUNG BINH

AN GIANG: DECEMBER 2-4
40 PARTICIPANTS

LECTURERS: MESSRS. NGUYEN DUC THINH, NGUYEN
TRUNG THANH, NGUYEN DUC XU AND
PHAN VAN KHAI

DINH TUONG: DECEMBER 5-7

40 PARTICIPANTS

LECTURERS: MESSRS. HUYNH VAN DONG, DUONG
HIEN GIAO, NGUYEN DUC XU AND
TRUONG VAN SO

12. SAMPLE SEMINAR PROGRAM FOR TRADE UNION LEADER-
SHIP ELEMENTARY TRAINING COURSE HELD IN GIA DINH, NOVEMBER
28-30, 1974:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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MORNING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES --MR. NGUYEN VAN PHONG
GROUP DYNAMICS --MR. DUONG HIEN GIAO

AFTERNOON LABOR DISPUTES--MR. NGUYEN VAN PHONG

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

MORNING MISSION OF TRADE UNION--MR. TRAN HUU QUYEN

AFTERNOON CVT STRUCTURES --MR. HUYNH VAN DONG

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

MORNING CVT BRIEF HISTORY-- MR. NGUYEN TRUNG BINH
RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS--MR. NGUYEN
TRUNG BINH

AFTERNOON RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS--NGUYEN TRUNG BINH

13. NUMBER OF TRAINING COURSES ORGANIZED FROM
SEPTEMBER 5, 1968 TO DECEMBER 7, 1974:

--- COURSES PARTICIPANTS

COOPERATIVE	7	225
ELEMENTARY TRADE UNIONISM	167	6,582
INTERMEDIATE TRADE UNIONISM	23	680
ADVANCED TRADE UNIONISM	1	29
MARINE ENGINE MAINTENANCE	18	450

FAMILY PLANNING	1	35
AD HOC SEMINARS	74	3,183
RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SOCIAL CENTER SUCH		
AS CHAU DOC	8	282
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